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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ISSUANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF
WAIVERS OF AND EXEMPTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
(DOD) EXPLOSIVES SAFETY STANDARDS

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Ref: (a) DOD Directive 6055.9 of 25 Nov 1983 (NOTAL)
(b) Title 10, USC 172 (NOTAL)
(c) DOD 6055.9-STD of Jul 1984 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To assign subject responsibility and make necessary changes to recognize the disestablishment of the Chief of Naval Material. (R)

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 8020.3B

3. Background

a. Reference (a) delineates the authorities of the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB), whose functions, under authority contained in reference (b), include the preparation of DOD-wide safety standards designed to prevent or correct hazardous conditions associated with ammunition or explosives. These standards, when approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), are published to the Military Departments and the Directors of the Defense Agencies as reference (c).

b. Naval ammunition and explosives are distributed to afloat units and shore activities worldwide. While it has been, and will continue to be, Department of the Navy (DON) policy to afford the fullest possible compliance with DOD standards, it is unavoidable that situations will arise wherein strict observance of the standards will be detrimental to naval readiness, or to the operational capability of naval units or activities. In other situations, deficiencies in activity design or layout, primarily owing to changed standards, result in the necessity for deviation from the standards in the day-to-day operation of the DON's ammunition and explosives production, storage, and shipment complex. Reference (a), recognizing the necessity for the DOD components to evaluate such situations and take prudent action to maintain their capabilities to carry out their national responsibilities, authorizes the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of the Defense Agencies, or their designees, to issue specific waivers of, or exemptions from, the standards.

4. Designation

a. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is designated to act for the Secretary of the Navy in:

(1) Validating the necessity for the issuance of waivers of, or exemptions from, DOD explosives safety standards within DON.

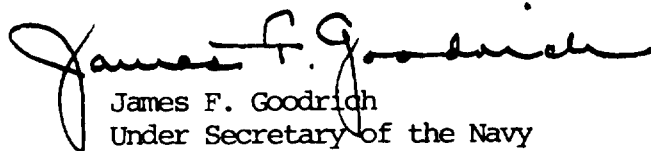
(2) Approving or disapproving, and monitoring the use of, such waivers and exemptions.

It is recognized that under certain circumstances, such as where significant strategic importance overweighs an otherwise unacceptable hazard or in a case of extreme international political sensitivity, it may be desirable to have a waiver/exemption reviewed and issued at the highest possible level. When, in the judgment of CNO, this is deemed appropriate, the waiver/exemption request will be referred to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Shipbuilding and Logistics).

b. Authority is granted to CNO to make further delegation of waiver/exemption authority, as follows:

(1) To the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), with authority to redelegate, as appropriate.

(2) To the appropriate Navy or Marine Corps commander, for operational or support requirements in forward areas during combat operations.


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